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### **STAR Academy Presents Art Exhibit**

(Pierre) – Artwork completed by youth from the State Treatment and Rehabilitation (STAR) Academy near Custer will be on display this month.

An exhibit is open at the Custer County Library from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, from 3-7 p.m. on Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays during February.

Featured works include photograms, acrylic paintings, pencil drawings, colored pencil drawings and mixed media. The art show will be judged with ribbons awarded.

The art program at STAR Academy consists of visiting artists in addition to pottery, integrated arts and art classes taught by Jonna Morehead.

"We have focused on integrating art into the core curriculum this past year," said Morehead. "Students are given the opportunity to experience the connections between art and other subjects. One project began with a painted wall mural illustrating the evolution of written language. It begins with cave art and illustrates the different stages of evolution as pictures changed into characters within different cultures. The project was concluded with a poetry project relating to the mural. We successfully integrated language arts, cultural diversity, and mural painting techniques. In addition to academics, the students learn to work together as a team to create a work of art. One person's weakness may be another person's strength."

Student work is on continuous display throughout STAR Academy. Many pieces are decorated with ribbons awarded from past contests and shows.